

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Board of Trustees Meeting September 9, 2003

Members Present: Kim Boham, Chair; Jim Daily, Vice Chair; JC Zalog, Treasurer; James Smith

Members Absent: Brett Stump (Excused)

Staff Present: Forrest Thompson, Police Chief; Kathy Isaacs, Superintendent

Chair Kim Bonham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Bonham noted that Trustee Brett Stump was absent but hoped to attend the meeting before completion.

The minutes of the August 12, 2003 meeting were approved as written (4-0).

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer JC Zalog reviewed the financial report and the re-

port was accepted (4-0).

### Old Business Stillwater Resorts

Chair Bonham read Resolution P&Z 2-03 dated April 3, 2003, A Resolution to accept and recommend approval of the preliminary plat from Stillwater Resorts, Northshore. The Resolutions was approved (4-0).

Jim Daily explained that when Stillwaters was surveying their property, it was found that Hickory Lane was 14 feet into their property. The Village of Indian Point had a surveyor survey the property to make sure the Stillwaters survey was correct. Both surveys were identical. Doug Battaglia volunteered to move the building over and we will take the 30 foot easement where the road

sits at the present time and in turn the Village of Indian Point will give the 30 foot easement that we have as the road is way off the 30 foot easement. Chair Bonham noted that at the Planning and Zoning meeting, this subject was addressed and that it was suggested that an attorney look into the problem to avoid legal conflict. Daily informed the Trustees that Battaglia and he have been working on the problem and before he can take the information to the Village Attorney, Tom Motley, for a quitclaim deed, approval would have to be granted by the Trustees. Daily moved that the Village of Indian Point do a quitclaim deed for each person involved, the Village of Indian Point and Stillwaters, and submit to our

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## Help Wanted

The Village of Indian Point is currently seeking a part-time driver to operate a one-ton truck with a snow-plow for the winter season. Individual must be an experienced driver with a good driving record, hold a current Missouri driver's license, and must be a resident of Indian Point or willing to relocate within 60 days. Qualified applicant should come to the Village office at 3 Treehouse Lane #11, Branson, Missouri 65616 to complete an application no later than Friday, October 3, 2003. The Village of Indian Point is an equal opportunity employer.

## Project Aware Cleans up Table Rock Lake

Over 300 Divers and Volunteers, some traveling hundreds of miles, showed up Saturday, September 20th with a mission to clean up

helped in numerous other ways. The Trustees unanimously proclaimed Saturday as "Project Aware" day. The efforts of all involved helped remove over 60 cubic yards of waste.

Volunteers were fed well with dinner at Killarney's for the Indian Point Marina volunteers and a Pig Roast at Rock Lane Resort for the Table Rock Marina Volunteers.



Left: Kim Bonham and Trustees present proclamation to J.P. Shahan. Below: Bonham presents Lowis Chapman and volunteers the Project Aware Proclamation.



the depths of Table Rock Lake as well as the shore line. The Divers were assisted by volunteers who lent and drove boats or

## Fall Clean-Up

The Village of Indian Point is sponsoring a fall clean up during the entire month of October. Called *Operation Wipe-Out*, this is a chance for residents to discard trash, old furniture, tires, yard waste and other large items. Two dumpsters will be provided: one across from Deer Run and another adjacent to the helipad on Wolfe Lane. An appliance dumpster will be available the weekend of October 10-13. Unfortunately refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners can not be accepted, but other appliances such as TV's, washers and dryers are allowed. Brush and yard waste must be taken to the Wolfe Lane dump location and placed in the designated area beside the dumpster. Tires are accepted at either location. If you have any questions please contact the Village office at 338-5599.

## News Briefs...

### Community Building

The Village of Indian Point is in the planning stages for the new community building. The Village seeks input from residents for features to be incorporated into the building. If you have ideas or suggestions to make this building more beneficial to all on Indian Point we seek your comments. Your comments may be directed to the Village office or plan to attend the Pot-Luck on October 6th.

### Pot-Luck Dinner Set for October 6th

Our Village Activities and Development Committee has scheduled a community Pot-Luck Dinner to be held at 5:30 pm on Monday evening, October 6th, at the Village at Indian Point Resort clubhouse. Jeannie Lucke, our Village Activities Coordinator, has planned an evening of fun and entertainment. This will also be your chance to meet and get to know all of our trustees as well as Kathy Isaacs, our Village Superintendent and Forrest Thompson, our Chief of Police. Chief Thompson will also be speaking briefly about security issues and forming more Neighborhood Watch districts on the Point. No RSVP is necessary. Just bring a main dish and either a side dish or a dessert. Coffee and iced tea will be provided. Bring any other drinks you may want. This will be a very casual affair and everyone is welcome, including the children.

### Village Acquires New Snowplow

In a special meeting held September 22nd the Trustees agreed (4-0) to purchase a new GMC 3500 Sierra one-ton truck with snow blade and salt spreader. This vehicle will replace the road grader, previously used for plowing, which is now up for sale. Delivery of the truck is 6-8 weeks out which should leave sufficient time before winter weather sets in. The Village is currently seeking a part time driver to plow roads (see *Help Wanted* on page 1). The snow plow should do an effective job of clearing roads of snow and ice without the damage the grader incurred.

## Enchanted Forest to Twinkle this Holiday Season

Get ready to start hauling out the holly and decking the halls. Indian Point Chamber of Commerce will begin decorating the Enchanted Forest at Indian Point Campground on November 1st. This is the 13th year for the Enchanted Forest and hopes to be bigger and better than ever. The spectacular red, white and blue "Freedom Tree" will once again illuminate the Village with patriotism.

The Chamber is looking for volunteers to help setup lights and provide support for the attraction. The official opening ceremony will be held at 6:00 PM on Saturday, November 8th, at Hunter's Friend Resort (formerly Coleman's). Entertainment and dinner will be held after the lighting at the Village at Indian Point clubhouse. For additional information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 417-338-2772.

## This is an Emergency! By Arno Wehr, Jr.

In 1972, the Indian Point Improvement Association (now called Chamber of Commerce) felt that our community was too isolated from area emergency services. Our local residents told the business group they were afraid in snowstorms, fires, and medical emergencies because official response times were forty-five minutes or more. All the resorts and motels agreed to set up a "fire bar" so that volunteers could be reached by phone.

John "the Diver" Hoynacki and Barry Maycock secured a portable life support breathing unit from the Chicago Fire Department at a cost of \$660.00. Every local business owner and many employees took training in the use of this equipment. For years after, our business owners trained in CPR, First Aid, Firefighting, and First Responding. Also local resident business owners worked with county, state, and federal drug enforcement.

This is a brief overview of around twenty-five years of how our community protected itself prior to 911 services now available. Our local responders prided themselves to respond in any emergency under any conditions within five minutes of receiving a call.

For over two decades, the business team responded to fires ranging from grass fires, trailer fires, and motel fires. Many

lives were saved of victims of heart attacks, drug incidents, auto and boat accidents, and unusual emergencies. The team handled snake bites, lost children, theft, dock sinking, and even thwarted a kidnapping. When tragedy struck, the team provided comfort, shelter, food, clothing, and transportation. The ratio of tourist versus local victims was split. Hundreds of stories about the emergency team won't be told, but are a very inherent part of our community history.

As our area emergency services improved, the business community yielded to support a bigger picture. Indian Point provided money and a water transport to Stone County. Our community also provided our "top gun" Barb Richards, who is our resident paramedic and firefighter that has been our local heroine for twenty years. We also have a Chief of Police in our Village and we can expect new equipment to even further protect our Village.

Some of our "old timers" still jump when the phone rings at odd hours or a siren is heard piercing the silence. The dangers faced and dedication of our business community and local volunteers will always be remembered and appreciated.

*Trustees meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the community room at the Treehouse Condominiums. All residents are encouraged to attend. If you have a comment, suggestion or idea to improve your Village come to the meeting and be heard.*

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attorney for completion. The motion carried (4-0).

### **Trustees' Goals**

Chair Bonham reviewed the goals of the Trustees: 1) Community Building, 2) Linear Walkways, 3) Wastewater and where each project was at the present time. She also thanked all the Trustees for their hard work noting areas that have been improved. It was also noted the goals that have been accomplished are the Police Department and the road conditions improved, along with stop signs being replaced.

### **Community Building**

Daily presented the survey of the land that was purchased for the Community Building. He noted that Kent Turner has been given a copy of the survey so the CAAD Committee can continue their work. Turner informed the Trustees that he will be reviewing preliminary plans for the Community Building with Doug Battaglia and Dave Maycock. Turner reviewed the plans for the potluck dinner that will be held at The Village at Indian Point clubhouse to kick off gathering information from the community for the design of the building on Monday, October 6, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. Turner stated that the CAAD Committee felt it was too early for the ceremony to be held on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> as the community would not see any activity for two or three months and the Village of Indian Point could be subject to criticism. The CAAD Committee will let the Trustees know when we will be closer to the groundbreaking.

Zalog asked Turner if it was too early to start looking for an architect and the reply was yes as we are not sure what we want in the building. Turner is hoping that information for the building will be presented at the October Trustees meeting.

### **New Business Copier**

Chairman Bonham presented bids for a new copier for the office that was equipped with a document feeder, collator, duplex module, stand and connected to the computers that would meet the increasing demands of the office. The office recommended that the Ricoh 1018D be purchased at a cost of \$2,781.00 and to purchase the maintenance agreement at a monthly cost of

\$36.40 which covers toner, all parts and labor up to 2,000 copies. Zalog asked what the office is copying. Kathy Isaacs stated zoning regulations, subdivision regulations, police information, etc. It was noted that printing is done on one side and with a duplex module, zoning regulations could be printed on two sides to save paper. Zalog also questioned how important was an auto feeder and sorter. Isaacs explained that an auto feeder and sorter saves time. Zalog stated he knew of a resident that had a copier for sale which is a Toshiba 1310 and is 10 years old. The copier has approximately 50,000 copies on it, does not have an auto feeder, sorter, duplex, or stand. The cost of the copier is \$250.00. Jan Hoynacki covered information on the copier as she is the one that has the copier for sale. Discussion was held regarding the copier. Zalog felt it was a good idea to give the \$250.00 copier a try even if it only lasted two months, it was worth the money. Daily moved to purchase the Toshiba 1310 copier for the office at a cost of \$250.00. The motion carried 3-0, with Zalog abstaining.

### **Invoices from Committees**

Chair Bonham reminded all committee chairs to have invoices sent to the Village office and Kathy Isaacs will make sure that a copy is sent to the chair for their review before payment is made.

### **Fall Clean-Up**

Chair Bonham announced that the Village will be having a fall clean up during the entire month of October. Two dumpsters will be provided at both ends of the Point and now is the time to clean up our yards and community. Information will be sent out from the office at the end of the month to each resident in the Village.

### **Appointments**

Chair Bonham appointed James Smith to serve on both the Planning & Zoning Commission and Wastewater Advisory Board.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Police & Safety**

Chief Thompson reported that he has started giving citations for speeding. He informed everyone if the police are needed on the Point to call 911 and the dispatcher will get in touch with him. Chair Bonham thanked Forrest for his good job. It was noted the defibrillator request would be postponed until next

month.

### **Planning & Zoning**

Chair Bonham read the Planning and Zoning report in the absence of Greg Maycock.

### **Wastewater**

Chair Bonham read the Wastewater report in the absence of Greg Maycock.

### **Roads – Jim Daily**

#### **Tree Service**

The former contract with Fitzwater's Tree Service has ended. Daily noted that a request for proposal had been mailed to three tree service providers in the area and no response has been received from any of the three. Daily recommended that the office call the tree service providers that a request for proposal was sent and see if they are interested.

#### **Update Road Conditions**

A hole has been repaired at the top of Indian Point Road and Daily stated that a statement made in the *Smoke Signals* was misleading as it was mistaken to mean there was litter around Deer Run, which there was not, the paragraph was regarding the hole in the road. Repairs have also been made to Indian Point Road adjacent to the Corp of Engineers property.

#### **Purchase of Signs**

The Road Committee has been made aware of areas on the Point that are in need of School Stop Ahead signs for the school buses. If additional signs are required, call the office and advise the location. Each sign costs \$62.80 apiece plus the sign posts. Daily will get information from the bus driver as to where other stops are within the Village. Daily moved to purchase five school bus stop ahead signs at a cost of \$62.80 apiece plus the 5 sign posts. Motion was amended to allow a budget of \$500.00 for signs. The motion carried (4-0).

Daily brought up the complaints by residents regarding the intersection at Indian Point and Stillwaters Trail/Rock Lane. Discussion was held regarding the liability of placing stop signs without further investigation. Greg from Bradford on the Lake was present and he stated he is willing to work with the Village on the visibility problem. Zalog submitted pictures of the problem. Daily will work with Bradford on the Lake, Stillwaters, and Rock Lane to find a solution to the problem.

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## **Snow Equipment**

Daily reported that our snow equipment needs to be updated. The grader did a considerable amount of damage to the roads last winter. Discussion was held regarding the real use of the grader and the cost to hire a driver that has knowledge of driving a grader. Daily moved to put the grader up for sale at a minimum of \$20,000 and the money would be used to purchase a one-ton dump truck with a nine foot plow and salt spreader. Advertisements for the sale via sealed bids of the grader will be placed in the *Missouri Municipal League*, *Branson Daily News*, *Stone County Gazette*, and *Springfield News Leader*. The motion carried (4-0).

Daily stated that in the past the Village has always contracted the snow plowing to outside sources. He recommended that an individual be hired that lives within the Village to plow the roads this winter. Daily stated he will train the individual as he has previous plowing experience. It was noted that over \$23,000 was paid out last year for snow removal. Daily moved to advertise for a part-time employee to remove the snow this winter. The motion carried (4-0).

## **CAAD**

Kent Turner reported that the divers will be on the Point September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for *Project Aware* and explained how the Village of Indian Point is taking part in the project. Turner recommended that a proclamation be issued for *Project Aware*.

Kent reported on the potluck dinner to be held on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. which will be followed by another social event for the *Enchanted Forest* on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The potluck in October will include meeting the Trustees and staff of the Village. Chief Thompson will give information on Neighborhood Watch programs. Attendees may provide input of what the community wants in the community building. The County Commissioners will be invited to attend the November 8<sup>th</sup> event.

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Turner noted that Betty Fier is looking into recycling for the Village of Indian Point.

Turner reported that Arno Wehr III will be bringing an agreement to use for landowners to establish the trail routing.

Turner reported on the Regional Tourism Tax Bureau and the issue would be placed back on the ballot this April. He also explained that his term expires this fall and the Trustees will have to reappoint him or someone else to this committee.

Turner explained that on May 13<sup>th</sup> the new Trustees were given a list of the recommendations/goals, which a committee that met last winter had developed. The CAAD committee feels that several items on the list need to be accomplished in order to achieve the goals that were developed. The purpose is not to slow down the Trustees, but to enhance the Village of Indian Point. Discussion was held regarding organizational charts, office staff, and the Sunshine Law. It was noted that the Trustees have done a good job and this process would only enhance the organization. Zalog moved to reappoint Kent Turner to the Regional Tourism Tax Bureau. The motion carried (4-0). Zalog moved to have a proclamation for *Project Aware* on September 20<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> and have two proclamations, one for Table Rock Ma-

rina and the second one for Indian Point Marina. The motion carried (4-0).

## **Approval of Accounts Payable**

Zalog questioned the Alltel bill as to various items. Kathy Isaacs explained that the miscellaneous items were not suppose to be on the bill and will call Alltel to discontinue the MR Rescue. Zalog moved to accept the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

## **Comments from the Floor**

Becky Tucker commented regarding the safety of the children, the visibility on Jake's Creek Trail and other areas and hope that the Trustees will be aware at all times of the safety of everyone on the point.

## **Executive Session**

Chair Bonham called an executive session to discuss employee contracts.

The meeting was called to order after the executive session at 9:35 p.m.

Zalog moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

*The preceding is a summary of the September 9, 2003 Trustee meeting and is not the approved meeting minutes.*